



"K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION

OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT

PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS

K Division – 2022/02/09 20:00 Update

COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION

BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. The intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

KEY FINDINGS

- There appears to be ongoing tension between the leadership of the protests at Coutts and Milk River.
- There are at least six events happening today in K Division affecting the following areas:
 - Coutts border crossing
 - St. Paul
 - Two Hills
 - Leduc – New Sarepta
 - Whitecourt
 - Parkland
- There are multiple events planned in K Division for the rest of the week affecting areas including:
 - Coutts border crossing
 - Leduc
 - Sherwood Park
 - Cochrane
 - Wood Buffalo
 - Rimbey
 - Turner Valley
 - Fort McMurray
- Unconfirmed information of a possible protest blockade on the highway from Alberta into the NWT. No indication on social media identified. Blockade would be on the Highway 35/Highway 1 corridor.

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SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

Updates appear in **GREEN**

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Partner agency information: **ORANGE**

Coutts Border Protest and Convoys to Coutts

Calgary Convoy to Coutts

Date: 2022/02/11	Time: 18:00
Meeting location: ifly on Deerfoot in Calgary heading to Milk River and Coutts	
Detachment(s) affected: All detachments between Calgary and Coutts	

Personal Info. who has been previously involved with organizing convoys to the Edmonton legislature, appears to be the organizer. **Pers** also states she will be accepting donations to take with them. **No OSINT update.**

Horseback Riders for Freedom

Date: 2022/02/12	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Coutts border crossing	
Detachment(s) affected: Milk River	

Personal Info. who has been organizing protests and "slow roll" convoys in and around Eastern Alberta District for the past few weeks, is currently sharing a request for 1000 "freedom riders" to attend Coutts on 2022/02/12. **The Facebook group associated to this event is now private.**

Ponoka Convoy to Coutts

Date: 2022/02/12	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Unknown specifics – somewhere in Ponoka	
Detachment(s) affected: All detachments between Ponoka and Coutts	

Unknown if this is occurring as the leader, **Personal Info.**, posted about a convoy from Ponoka to the Alberta Legislature on 2022/02/12. **Personal**

Cpl. DILLON from Ponoka detachment sent an email to DEOC stating there may be a convoy heading down to Coutts from Ponoka on 2022/02/12. The details of the convoy are not confirmed as Anthony FROESE, the current leader of Ponoka convoys, is going back to work on Saturday and it is unknown who would be in charge if a convoy went to Coutts.

**General information:**

Personal Info, the self appointed spokesperson for the Milk River protest site, claimed that AB Coutts Convoy group has been compromised and that people should follow her group, "Official Coutts/Milk River Freedom Protest". This group appears to be gaining a more traction as it currently has 660 members. **Persona** also claimed that she was involved in the meeting with Coutts truckers and a few MLAs. She claimed that the truckers involved in this meeting were told to pack up Sunday and then everything and everyone would be taken by force Monday morning.

On 2022-02-07 Rally 4 Resources advised plain clothed police officers are in the crowd at Milk River trying to break up the protests. Rally 4 Resources warned people not to listen to anything police say.

Personal Info. shared a **s.37** video in The "Official Coutts/Milk River Freedom Protest" group. The video states that "we have a tip that Kenney and Trudeau's ANTIFA group is here close to Coutts and that the RCMP are doing nothing about it. The RCMP, ANTIFA, Kenney and Trudeau are all associated." The video was created by handle "**Personal Info.**" This account has 4294 followers and over 45,000 likes. This video appears to echo concerns found in a number of other social media posts since the protests began, that government officials opposed to these protests will hire paid saboteurs to attend and commit acts of violence that will then be blamed on the protesters.

On 2022/02/06 K.J. Black Panther posted in "The OFFICIAL Horseback Riders For Freedom 2022" Facebook group that conversations with the riders were moving over to signal and to contact **Personal Info** to be added.

Personal Info. posted in Facebook group "Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA" stating he would take any letters of support down to Coutts from Edmonton area. **Personal** stated he is going down on Friday, it is not known which group he is travelling with.

Callouts from **Personal** on his Facebook page for additional support near Milk River and Coutts, and for hauling equipment to assist transporting tractors from the Edmonton and Red Deer areas.

A Facebook post to the group "AB Coutts Convoy Restart" from **Personal** indicates that it was possible to use backroads to reach Coutts. Twitter user **@Personal** posted a callout and a map showing how to avoid RCMP check points by proceeding south on Range Road 151, west on Highway 500, and walking in to Coutts.

Live video by **Personal** showed confrontation between protestors and RCMP officers. Follow-up video stated protestors are not willing to move off the roadway



An email from KMOSS indicated that a convoy of seven large farm vehicles (including three combines) were headed to the Coutts border crossing the evening of 2022/02/07. It is believed that this group of vehicles created a blockade around 22:00 on 2022/02/07.

Convoys to Alberta Legislature

Sherwood Park and Acheson convoys

Date: 2022/02/11	Time: 11:00
Meeting location: Flying J (Sherwood Park) and Husky (Acheson)	
Detachment(s) affected: Strathcona and Parkland	

Personal Info. posted a Facebook event for a convoy from Acheson and Sherwood Park in Facebook group "Freedom Convoy Alberta Updates". The event currently has 43 people "Going" and 69 people "Interested".

Leduc – Let Freedom Roll convoy

Date: 2022/02/11	Time: 10:30
Meeting location: Flying J	
Detachment(s) affected: Leduc	

Personal Info. posted in the Edmonton Freedom Central Facebook group about three convoys in RCMP jurisdiction heading to the Alberta Legislature on 2022/02/11. The poster promotes the events in Nisku, Sherwood Park, and Acheson. The post to visit Alberta 4 Liberty Facebook page for more information. **No OSINT update.**

Ponoka convoy

Date: 2022/02/12	Time: meeting at 09:00, leaving at 10:00
Meeting location: Co-op	
Detachment(s) affected: Ponoka and all detachments between Ponoka and Edmonton along Highway 2	

Personal Info. posted in Facebook group "Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA" about a convoy from Ponoka to the Alberta Legislature on 2022/02/12. **Personal** will not be attending; **Personal Info.** and **Personal** are the points of contact. **Personal Info.** posted this event again with the convoys from Wetaskiwin, Nisku, Acheson, and Sherwood Park.



Wetaskiwin convoy

Date: 2022/02/12	Time: meeting at 09:00, leaving at 10:15
Meeting location: Peavey Mart	
Detachment(s) affected: Wetaskiwin and all detachments between along Highway 2	

Personal Info. posted in Facebook group "Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA" about a convoy from Wetaskiwin to the Alberta Legislature on 2022/02/12. This event was posted with the convoys from Ponoka, Nisku, Acheson, and Sherwood Park.

Calgary/Aldersyde convoy

Date: 2022/02/12	Time: meeting at 09:00, leaving at 10:15
Meeting location: PetroCanada	
Detachment(s) affected: Detachments north of Calgary along Highway 2	

Personal posted in Facebook group "Barrhead Freedom Convoy 2022" about a convoy from Calgary/Aldersyde to the Alberta Legislature on 2022/02/12. This event was posted with the convoys from Nisku and Acheson.

Other Protests/Events

NWT/AB blockade

Date: Unknown	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Unknown	
Detachment(s) affected: All detachments along the Highway 35/Highway 1 corridor	

Unconfirmed information overheard from trucker radio broadcasts about a possible blockade being organized on the highway from Alberta into the NWT. Information was received by the GOA from NWT government source via Emergency Management channels.

Cochrane School Rally

Date: 2022/02/11	Time: 12:00
Meeting location: All schools in Cochrane	
Detachment(s) affected: Cochrane	

Alberta Blue Skies Facebook page posted a screenshot promoting rallies at all schools in Cochrane. The post is asking parents to pull their students out of school to attend. This event is planned for 2022/02/11 and following Fridays. The post says to stay on public sidewalks, and to bring signs and flags.



Cremona Slow Roll to Sundre

Date: 2022/02/12	Time: mid-morning
Meeting location: Cremona	
Detachment(s) affected: Sundre	

A slow roll convoy is planned for 2022/02/12. The organizers advised they plan to leave Cremona mid-morning, slow roll to Sundre, and back. The convoy agreed to pull over frequently to let motorists pass. Organizers are expecting a large crane to lead the convoy with other heavy machinery and passenger vehicles following. It is estimated approx. 200 vehicles will be present.

Fort McMurray – Freedom Convoy 2022

Date: 2022/02/12	Time: 11:00-14:00
Meeting location: Waterways Staging area (to be confirmed)	
Detachment(s) affected: Wood Buffalo	

Personal Info. posted in Facebook group “Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray” announcing a convoy on 2022/02/12 in Fort McMurray. The organizers appear to be **Personal Info.**, and **Personal**. The route planned is posted in two maps. [No OSINT update.](#)

Fort McMurray – Convoy to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/15	Time: 07:00 – 21:00
Meeting location:	
Detachment(s) affected: Wood Buffalo	

A Facebook event has been created in Facebook group “Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray” for a convoy from Fort McMurray to Ottawa from 2022/02/15 to 2022/02/18. The organizers appear to be **Personal Info.** The route is tentatively Fort McMurray, Edmonton, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sault Sainte Marie, Sudbury, and Ottawa.



New Sarepta Walkout and Peaceful Protest

Date: 2022/02/09	Time: 10:10
Meeting location: New Sarepta Community High School	
Detachment(s) affected: Leduc	

Alberta Blue Skies Facebook page posted a screenshot promoting a walkout and peaceful protest at New Sarepta Community High School. [No OSINT update.](#)

Red Deer – Energy Workers Support Freedom Convoy

Date: 2022/02/12	Time: 09:30
Meeting location: Colden West Plaza	
Detachment(s) affected: Red Deer and all detachments on Highway 2 to Edmonton	

On 2022/02/03, **Personal Info** created a Facebook group “Energy Workers Support Freedom Convoy”. The group had an event on 2022/02/06. An image from the event shows 12 people. Currently the Facebook group has 198 members and 14 people have responded as “Going” or “Interested” for the event on 2022/02/12. [No OSINT update.](#)

Rimbey – “Ride for Freedom Round 2”

Date: 2022/02/12	Time: 12:30
Meeting location: Rimbey Agrim Centre	
Detachment(s) affected: Rimbey	

A protest on horseback in support of the convoys is being planned for 2022/02/12. Vehicles are welcome to follow the horses. [No OSINT update.](#)

St. Paul

Date: 2022/02/09	Time: 11:45
Meeting location: St. Paul Education Division Office	
Detachment(s) affected: St. Paul	

Personal Info posted a comment on the Alberta Blue Skies Facebook page about a peaceful gathering on the sidewalk in front of the St. Paul Education Office. The comment states there will be pizza and a message on the harms of breathing barriers by **Personal Info**. [No OSINT update.](#)



Two Hills

Date: 2022/02/09	Time: Unknown
Meeting location: Unknown	
Detachment(s) affected: Two Hills	

Sgt. DAISLEY from Two Hills detachment sent DCAS an email stating that people are trying to organize a protest for 2022/02/09 at the Two Hills Mennonite School. Protesters are discussing surrounding the school, involving the students, and possibly blockading the school.

Event occurred without any disruptions to the school. At the peak period there were approximately 50 participants. Principal and Two Hills leadership pleased with how event was handled.

Turner Valley – Freedom Ride (Horseback)

Date: 2022/02/12	Time: 12:30
Meeting location: Turner Valley Hotel to Hard Knocks Brewery in Black Diamond	
Detachment(s) affected: Turner Valley	

The town of Black Diamond was advised of an event being promoted in Facebook group “Diamond Valley Communities Forum” (private group) which is planned to occur on 2022/02/12. **Personal Info.** is the organizer and he expressed his wishes to not block traffic and he does not want youth participating due to safety concerns. At this time the number of participants is not known.

Whitcourt and Acheson – Convoy to Ottawa

Date: 2022/02/09	Time: 1300 and 1500
Meeting location: UFA Whitcourt and unknown location in Acheson	
Detachment(s) affected: Whitcourt and Parkland	

Personal Info. posted a comment in Facebook group “Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA” about a convoy from Fort St. John, BC coming through Alberta on their way to Ottawa.

Other Information

Personal Info. posted an aerial video of Milk River blockade on 2022/02/06. It appears this video was taken from a plane.



Twitter account @Person1 posted that there is chatter about blocking airports next. No additional details at this time.

During a meeting with representatives from Edmonton Police Service, Alberta Sheriffs, Calgary Police Service, and other law enforcement agencies in Alberta it was mentioned that other police agencies have noticed that people involved in the convoys are removing their license plates. Allegedly, the reasoning is that the fine for no license plate is less than other charges they could face.

On 2022/02/08 Fort Saskatchewan Detachment received a call from an unknown male (PROS 2022163328). The male stated:

- his family is part of the convoy and they are going to "do something big here"
- the RCMP is stealing from his family and they are tired of it
- the RCMP is no longer the law, you steal from us, "you pay the price"
- "You call your stupid cops and dogs back", If you steal from us there will be consequences
- he and his family are going to be running gas to the truckers, "You want to fight and fuck with us? You want to fight us? You want to fight? YOU GOT IT"
- when we run gas to family, "You pigs stay out of our way"
- police should "stay the fuck out of our way or suffer the consequences"

The male has not been identified.

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This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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